

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ A dye carrier composition containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, ~~characterized in that it contains~~ comprising a combination of
 - (a) 6.1 to 25 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,
 - (b) 1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alkanolamide and
 - (c) 1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate, wherein the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) ~~being equal to~~ is from 4:1 to 1:3 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) ~~being equal to~~ is from 5:1 to 1:2.
2. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) and the fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio of from 3:1 to 1:2 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is equal ~~to~~ from 4:1 to 1:1.5.
3. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) and fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio of from 2.5:1 to 1:1 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is from 3:1 to 1:1.
4. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from among the group consisting of cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol, isotridecyl alcohol and mixtures of these compounds.

5. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ alkanol-amide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or diethanolamine and the esters of monoethanolamine and diethanolamine.

6. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in one of claims 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ alkoxylate (c) is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol polyalkylene glycol ethers and fatty acid polyalkylene glycol esters with 8 to 30 carbon atoms in the fatty alcohol group or fatty acid group and with 2 to 300 alkylene glycol units in the polyalkylene glycol group.

7. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (a) in a total amount from 6.1 to 25 weight percent.

8. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (b) in a total amount from 1 to 20 weight percent.

9. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (c) in a total amount from 1 to 15 weight percent.

10. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that besides wherein, in addition to the compounds of component (c) it the dye carrier composition additionally comprises contains additionally other nonionic and/or amphoteric surfactants surfactants.~~

11. (currently amended) Dye The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

12. (currently amended) Agent An agent for oxidative coloring of hair, ~~characterized in that it wherein the agent~~ is obtained by mixing a dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1 with an oxidant.

13. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in claim 12, ~~characterized in that wherein~~
the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

14. (canceled)